

# Child & Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument



The Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) is a tool used to determine the level of care placement and provides options for appropriate services needed for youth applying to the waiver. This tool is administered by an individual who has been certified to administer the CASII instrument for the Children's Mental Health Waiver program. The individual may be a social worker, clinician, counselor, etc.

The level of care is determined by the following six dimensions:

**Risk of Harm:** This dimension measures the level of danger the youth may be toward themselves or others.

**Functional Status:** This dimension measures changes in the degree to which the youth can take care of themselves and measures their ability to fulfill responsibilities and interact with other people.

**Co-Morbidity:** This dimension measures the co-existence of disorders across four domains: Developmental Disability, Medical, Substance Abuse, and Psychiatric (CASII User's Manual, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 2005).

**Recovery Environment:** This dimension is divided into two subscales, Environmental Stress and Environmental Support. It measures the strengths and weaknesses of the youth and their family as well as their neighborhood and community's role in worsening or improving the best interest of the youth.

**Resiliency and Treatment History:** This dimension measures the extent to which the youth and family have responded favorably to past treatment.

**Acceptance and Engagement:** This dimension looks at two subscales, Scale A-Youth and Scale B-Parent/Primary Caretaker, which measures both the child and family's interest and involvement in the youth's treatment.

Each dimension has a five point rating scale, from the score of one as “least severe” to the score of five as “most severe.”

Dimension scores are calculated to provide a composite score. Waiver eligibility requires a composite score of 20-27.

Level of Care Composite Score Table		
Level	Description	Score
Zero	Basic Services for Prevention & Maintenance	7-9
One	Recovery Maintenance & Health Management	10-13
Two	Outpatient Services	14-16
Three	Intensive Outpatient Services	17-19
Four	Intensive Integrated Services without 24-hour Psychiatric Monitoring	20-22
Five	Non Secure, 24-hour Psychiatric Monitoring	23-27
Six	Secure, 24-hour Psychiatric Management	28+

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